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Red Cross Drive March 1; 3 Days

Gatesville.—The Gates County chapter of the Red Cross is planning a short campaign for 1956 memberships, according to the directors, who met last Friday. Three days, beginning March 1, is all that will be needed, according to the directors.

It has been suggested that all directors call meetings in their homes of their workers and map a concerted plan of action so that everyone will be ready to start the campaign on March 1. The whole drive should be ended by the following Saturday night, which is three days later.

Then all directors will meet the following Monday, March 5, in Gatesville, it was announced. The quota is \$1,850 for the county.

Directors of the campaign by townships are: Holly Grove, C. C. Edwards; Hunters Mill, W. M. Spivey; Mintonville, P. D. Hobbs; Gatesville, S. P. Cross; Hall, E. P. Storey; Reynoldson, R. E. Miller; Haslett, J. M. King; Buckland, I. R. Barcliff; T. S. Cooper, H. F. Creecy.

These directors are expecting to call in their workers and appoint a chairman well in advance of the March 1 deadline and map out each section of road to be worked with each worker assigned to a certain road, it was announced.

All Farmers Eligible for ACP Practices

Gatesville.—All Gates County farmers are eligible to participate in the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program, and farmers may sign up now to cooperate in this National Program of Soil and Water Conservation, J. A. Hobbs, Chairman of the Gates County ASC Committee, said today.

To sign-up, a farmer should contact his local ASC office. 1. Sign-up under the 1956 ASC Program to carry out approved soil and water conservation practices, the farmer does not obligate himself in any way, but he does make himself eligible for program assistance in carrying out needed conservation practices.

Under the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program, farmers used the program to strengthen their soil and water resources. Hobbs pointed out the fact that there are now ample supplies of all major foods to meet our domestic and export needs is an indication of the effectiveness of the program in which the farmers and the nation share the cost of practices which protect the nation's food and fiber producing ability.

Farmers who cooperate in this program must put up their share of the out-of-pocket cost of the approved conservation practice, as well as perform all labor involved. In turn, the farmer, and the nation enter into a contract which work to the benefit of both parties.

Judy Bunch Chosen Queen Of Hearts

Sunbury.—On February 11, the Sunbury Beta Club sponsored a special Valentine program at the school. The proceeds will be used to help finance a trip to the Beta Club convention in Asheville and will also help make small improvements around the school.

Peggy Brown, who was the queen last year, acted as mistress of ceremonies and Loretta Benton gave her famous imitation of "Minnie Pearl" to start the program off. Pete Hathaway did an imitation of Frank Sinatra and Sandra Spivey and Patricia Horton of Suffolk highlighted the entertainment with dances.

Gatesville was represented by Anne Marie Liles, who is a noted singer and dancer, and song by Clarine Pollock, Alla Umphlette, Diane Hurdle, Rita Baker, Kaye Armstrong and Wayne and Payne Smith all took part in the program.

To climax the event, the new queen, Judy Bunch, was crowned in a setting of roses and Valentines by the mistress of ceremonies.

REPUBLICANS MEET

Corapeake.—H. A. Eure, chairman of the Republican Party of Gates County, announced Monday afternoon that a meeting of the Republican Party will be held at the courthouse in Gatesville on Saturday afternoon, March 3, at 3 o'clock.

Gates County BRIEFS

Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly, and said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. Jonah 2:1-2.

Up until now we have forgotten to mention two very nice cards received by the editor from a couple of eighth graders at Gibson. Seems as if the eighth grade of that school was studying newspapers and wrote the old editor asking for a copy of the Index. We sent the paper and was delighted to get a card from Maxie Mitchum saying she enjoyed our story about the Susan Constant and another from Arnette Dunn, praising our license line-up. Might add that those kids can always get as many copies of the Index as they want.

Young men entering the service are in the same old situation. They can't get a job if they are expecting to go into the service at any time in the future. Young fellows coming out of the service are in about the same boat if they expect to attend college in the future. Employers hate to spend time and money training an employee, only to have him up and leave.

Try to save money if you can because some day it may be valuable again.

Mother Nature has a way of sending along some days like we had last week to let us know that spring will really come again someday.

No Takers for Weekly Prize

Sunbury.—In addition to a big "giveaway" next June, Rountree and Riddick of Sunbury will give away weekly prizes to a lucky ticket holder. This was first instituted by the Sunbury firm last Thursday, but up to the present, no one has claimed the prize which was a set of four Hallite pots.

The ticket number was 008565 and has been posted in the windows of Rountree and Riddick. The person holding this lucky ticket can claim the prize.

Next week they will give away a percolator.

DAY OF PRAYER

Sunbury.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Philadelphia Methodist Church will observe World Day of Prayer on Friday, February 17, at 3:30 p. m. All churches in the community are participating in this service.

The public is cordially invited to attend.



AWARD WINNING DISPLAY — Sunbury Boy Scout Troop 158 took the first place award in the Albemarle District for this display beside Highway 32 in Sunbury last week. One other tent didn't get into the picture. Scouts are, left to right, Tommy Ed Muncy in uniform, Robert Earl Taylor and Sammy Riddick.

Beta Club to Sponsor Queen Of Hearts Fri.

Gatesville.—The Beta Club of Gatesville High School is sponsoring the annual "Queen of Hearts" contest Friday night, February 17. Each grade in school will sponsor a queen. A winner from the primary, elementary and high school will be crowned Friday night in the Gatesville High School gym during the intermission between the girls' and boys' basketball games.

High school contestants for queen are: Edna Wilson, 12th grade; Florence Eure, 11th grade; Peggy Lane, 10th grade; and Alice Faye Moore, 9th grade. Elementary contestants are Shirley Eure, 8th grade; Etta Green, 7th grade; Dianne Howell, 6th grade; Jacquelyn Eure, 5th grade; Faye Lane, 4th grade; Lucy Carter, 3rd grade; Beth Baines, 2nd grade; and Elizabeth Askew, 1st grade.

This is the Beta Club's main project for raising money during the year. Your support is urgently requested.

Homemakers Hold Third Meeting

Gatesville.—The third in a series of Homemakers meetings planned by the vocational home economics teachers will be held Monday, February 20 in the Gatesville school home ec. department.

The General Electric home economist, Miss Mary Boan of Richmond, will demonstrate the preparation of quick meals.

The meeting will begin at 3 p. m. with both Gatesville and Sunbury groups meeting at the Gatesville school.

Gates County Has Good School Athletic Program

Gatesville.—From the Gates County superintendent of schools' office this week, it was pointed out that the basketball season in the county is in full swing. All four of the county high schools play two games each week which attracts a large number of spectators. At one game recently, as many as 600 people were in attendance.

It was pointed out by the superintendent that this all points to the fact that high school athletics have a profound effect on the county schools and community, for good or bad. Generally speaking, athletics in county schools have been handled very well, but in some parts of the state this was not true and athletics of all sorts were once on a very low level. School superintendents, principals and coaches throughout the state knew of this situation and they have drawn up a set of suggested rules and regulations which they presented to the State Board of Education with the request that they be adopted state-wide. This was done by the State Board and as a result, athletics have greatly improved recently.

It is the belief of Superintendent W. C. Harrell, that athletics, correctly handled, can do to, and improve the instructional program of any school, while the reverse effect will be achieved when they are not treated correctly.

He pointed out that schools are operated for the single purpose of training children through instruction, thus it is essential to have the type of athletics that will improve the instructional program.

Harrell says Gates County is extremely fortunate to have the

Town Council To Install Blinker Lights

Gatesville.—For some time the Gatesville Town Council has planned to get some traffic signals of the blinker type installed at each entrance to town, but ran into a snag when they requested aid from the highway department.

Present signs are entirely adequate, they said, and failed to see any need for more. Mayor Paul Edmund cited them to an accident that occurred a few days ago when a Virginia motorist said he failed to see warning signs and was at the intersection of Highways 37 and 158-A at Claude Bundy's service station before he realized he was in town.

Sandy Cross Has Busy Time Ahead

Sandy Cross.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Sandy Cross Baptist Church will be held Saturday at 2:30 p. m. at the church.

Mrs. Nina Stallings will be in charge of the program. The Home Circle of Sandy Cross Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Nina McCotter Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 p. m.

The Willing Worker's Circle of Sandy Cross Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Carrie Riddick, Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 p. m.

The M. J. Circle of Sandy Cross Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Rosa Lee Riddick Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 p. m.

The S. A. Circle of Sandy Cross Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Magenta Rountree Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 p. m.

3 Chosen by Democratic Committee

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They were selected at a meeting February 8 during a meeting of the Democratic Committee. The meeting was held in the clerk's office in Gatesville. Only two members are subject to be appointed by the state chairman.

Basketball to Be Played for Easter Seals

Gatesville.—Benefit basketball games for the Gates County Easter Seal Society will be played Saturday, February 18, at eight o'clock in the Gatesville High School gymnasium. Door prizes will also be awarded.

Two midget games will start the ball rolling. The fifth grade will play the sixth and the eighth grade will play the ninth. Then the Greenville Scouts, Eastern Carolina College intramural team, will play the Gates County team.

Fleetwood Lilley and Paul Powell are two of the Greenville Scouts.

The Gates County team is composed of Eitel Eure, Roduco, Ed Lilley and Randolph Lowe, Gatesville; A. drew Eure and Ronald Tinkham, Eure; and Frank Russell, Walter Ed Hobbs, David Hotter, J. S. Pearce and Brown

Troop 158 Wins 1st for Display

Boy Scout Troop 158 has only nine members to take first place award in the Albemarle District at Sunbury last week. One of their Scoutmaster, Fred Parker, set up camp at the intersection of Highway 32, though they got their troop number from Highway 32 that also bisects Sunbury. A little better than a block from the intersection of the two highways, they formed a camping ground complete with outdoor cooking facilities, three tents and a roped-in enclosure. They painted signs telling why they were there and several of the members spent the entire week there. They cooked their own meals and did all their own work.

There are 29 Boy Scout troops in the Albemarle District and as a grand finale to Boy Scout Week, most of them went to Elizabeth City last Saturday night to a banquet and to receive awards for their various displays during Scout Week. The Sunbury troop took first place in the entire district.

They will receive a bronze plaque, which was not engraved in time for the meeting last Saturday. Austin Hurlbert, executive vice president of the Farmers Bank of Sunbury, who is their Institutional Leader, will accept the award at a later district meeting, it was announced. Scoutmaster Parker attended the meeting in Elizabeth City along with eight of nine of his Scouts. Approximately 350 Scouts attended.

All nine of the Sunbury Scouts attended Damascus Congregational Christian Church last Sunday along with Parker. The Rev. Stanley S. Sneed, minister of the church, based his sermon and the entire church program around the Scouts.

All the Sunbury Scouts said they had the time of their lives during their week of outdoor camping, and the only unpleasantness occurred when a group of local boys who didn't belong to the troop attempted to chase them from their camping ground. The Scouts sent out a hurried telephone call to Scoutmaster Parker. The sheriff and a patrolman were called to the camp site, but the would-be bullies fled at the approach of the officers and didn't bother them again the rest of the week.

Members of the troop are Robert Earl Taylor, Jackson Greene, Grady Earl Rountree, Tommy Ed Muncy, James C. Hoffer, Sammy Riddick, Jimmy Busby, John Carroll Brinkley, and Lloyd K. Taylor.

The Sunbury troop won fourth place award for a window display last year.

Scout Plans For the Future In March, a Scoutleaders training camp will be held the 10th and 11th at Camp Perry. The annual Scoutleaders fishing trip to Cape Hatteras for all leaders and their families will be March 17-18. Explorer Scouts will make a trip to Williamsburg and the Mariners' Museum March 24-25.

Explorer Scouts will clean up Camp Perry April 7 and have a box picnic, hay ride and dance at Camp Perry April 14. The Explorer rendezvous will be April 21-22. A training institute for all district personnel will be at Far Lee, Va., April 28.

The annual district camporee will be at Camp Perry May 4, 5 and 6. An educational trip to Washington, D. C. for all Scout-who advance one rank during the year will be made May 16, 19 and 20.

Camp Darden, the annual summer camp for all Scouts and Explorers, will be open from June 17 through August 12. A mountain camp for Explorers will be held at Camp Darden.

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Bad Crop Year But Dimes Drive Nets \$1685

Gatesville.—The 1956 Gates County March of Dimes campaign, which was conducted in every community of the county, raised a total of \$1,685.87, the Rev. J. L. Walter Moore, county campaign director, reported this week.

After the expenses of the campaign are deducted, in the amount of \$46.50, to cover coin collectors, posters, telephone calls, etc., the remaining funds will be divided and half of the amount will be deposited in the county treasury and half mailed to the National Foundation to be used in the fight against polio.

The funds were turned in as follows: Gatesville township, Mrs. Helen Carter, chairman, \$290.41; Holly Grove township, Mrs. F. H. Rountree, chairman, \$336.16; Mintonville township, the Rev. W. V. Brown, chairman, \$122.11; Hazlett township, Mrs. Wallace Mathias, chairman, \$76.64; Hunter's Mill township, Mrs. Horace Overman, chairman, \$149.30; Reynoldson township, Mrs. T. W. Parker, chairman, \$103.81.

Hall township, Mrs. R. W. Humphries, chairman, \$45.67. Collections made through the schools were as follows: Gatesville, \$106.94; Sunbury, \$112.53; and Hobbsville, \$33.95.

The Gatesville Theatre raised \$56.05 by sponsoring a Cartoon Carnival and by passing a coin collector through the audience at each showing during the month of January.

The Camp Manufacturing Company donated \$25, and \$3 was received from the 1956 United Campaign, conducted at the Naval Base in Norfolk.

I. R. Barcliff, assisted by H. F. Creecy, conducted the campaign among the Negro people of the county. The sum of \$115.30 was turned in through the Buckland school, and \$109 through Cooper school.

The campaign director wishes to thank all campaign workers and the people of the county who donated the funds in making possible the collection of this money for use in the fight against the crippling effects of polio.

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The Democratic Committee also extended an invitation to George P. Kittrell, member of the State Board of Agriculture and Senator A. P. Godwin, Jr., to represent Gates County at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner which will be held February 25 in Raleigh. U. S. Senator Stuart Smymington of Montana will be speaker for the occasion.

Martin Kellog is chairman of the Gates County Democratic Executive Committee. Members by townships are Holly Grove, George P. Kittrell; Hunters Mill, vacant due to the death of B. H. Ward; Mintonville, P. D. Hobbs; Gatesville, L. C. Hand; Hall, Miller D. Eure; Reynoldson, R. E. Miller; Haslett, J. W. Creecy.

S. P. Cross is the secretary-treasurer.

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FIVE LOVELY LADIES—Judy Bunch was selected as Queen of Hearts at a program sponsored by the Sunbury Beta Club held in the school auditorium. Left to right, they are: Mary Ellen Howell; Peggy Brown, mistress of ceremonies; Judy Bunch, queen; Loretta Benton and Sara Byrum.